

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10250	Agenda Number	48.
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Meeting Date:	October 20, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with ADVANTAGE FACTORY, INC., Bellingham, WA, for the purchase of software implementation services and software support services for the Austin Regional Intelligence Center in an estimated amount not to exceed \$102,400.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Special Revenue Fund, Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Lupe Cruz, Buyer I/974-9142
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is to provide software implementation services and software support services of SharePoint and Fusion Core Solution at the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC).

As part of developing our concept of operations document, the ARIC project team visited other fusion centers either in person or by phone. During these discussions the team sought information on case management tools. A number of local and state fusion centers had implemented the Fusion Core Solution (FCS) from Microsoft. Upon further investigation the team learned FCS is a free product that uses SharePoint, a software product already owned by City of Austin. Therefore, the City needs to purchase only the implementation services.

FCS has been developed by Microsoft specifically for public safety/homeland security working in concert with the state fusion centers for Massachusetts, Illinois and Washington State. Further review of the capabilities of FCS showed that FCS would meet the requirements established by the team.

The project team established through discussion with other fusion centers that two vendors were capable providing the needed services; Advantage Factory and Microsoft Consulting Services. Each vendor was given a statement of work and asked to provide a cost proposal along with references. The project team evaluated the proposals, checked references and reviewed the costs provided by each vendor. Microsoft Consulting Services bid was \$220,000.

Advantage Factory was selected based upon cost, experience and references.